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ADDRESS TO THE TROOPS.

HEAD QUARTERS, FIRST CORPS, TRANS-MISS. ARMY, }
Camp near Fort Smith, December 13th, 1862. }

SOLDIERS:—

On the 7th inst, at Prairie Grove, you engaged an abolition army largely outnumbering you. Under a furious cannonade, lasting five hours, and against repeated and desperate assaults of the enemy's infantry, upon your whole line, you held every inch of ground and repulsed every attack. Better courage was never shown on any field. Texans, Missourians and Arkansians,—infantry, artillery and cavalry,—volunteers and conscripts,—all alike nobly performed their duty. Your countrymen will honor you for it. I am proud of you, and thank you.

With renewed confidence in ourselves, in the justice of our cause, and the protection of Providence, let us now vigorously prepare for other battles and still more glorious achievements. Our future must excel our past. Besides Prairie Grove, many other victories must be inscribed on our colors. Our grey-haired fathers, our mothers, sisters, wives and children expect this of us. They must not be disappointed.

Remember this :—After one battle, the men who are first ready for the next always win it. Look, then, to your arms, your ammunition and accoutrements; stay in camp; obey orders in all things. By this you will deserve and ensure success.

T. C. HINDMAN,

Major General Commanding.

Official: R. C. NEWTON, Chief of Staff.

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